

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Official Action of September 19, 2007, a Final Rejection, and the examiner's comments in the Advisory Action dated February 28, 2008. It accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants have carefully studied the examiner's comments, in particular the comments found on page 5, which in relevant part state:

In further response to the arguments directed to composition, applicants have shown a limiting of alkali elution with a Young's Modulus making the glass suitable as a substrate for an information recording medium when SiO_2 , Al_2O_3 , BaO , Na_2O , K_2O , ZrO_2 components are all present in the glass. This was evident in applicants Examples summarized at specification Table 1 on specification page 39. However no claim has been considered commensurate to that composition scope.

In response to the examiner's comments, claim 1 has been amended to recite the specific components noted in the Advisory Action as quoted above. As a consequence to the changes made to claim 1, claim 3 has been amended to define these components as being more than 0 but not more than the maximum indicated amount which is consistent with other aspects of claim 3 (and other claims as well).

Claims 1-19 are pending, however claims 4-17 have been withdrawn from consideration, thus the active claims in this application will be claims 1-3, 18 and 19 according to counsel's understanding.

Claim 7, although withdrawn from consideration, has also been amended with respect to the K_2O_3 component.

Applicants submit that the claims as above amended define patentable subject matter as it acknowledged in the Advisory Action of February 18, 2008. Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited.

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